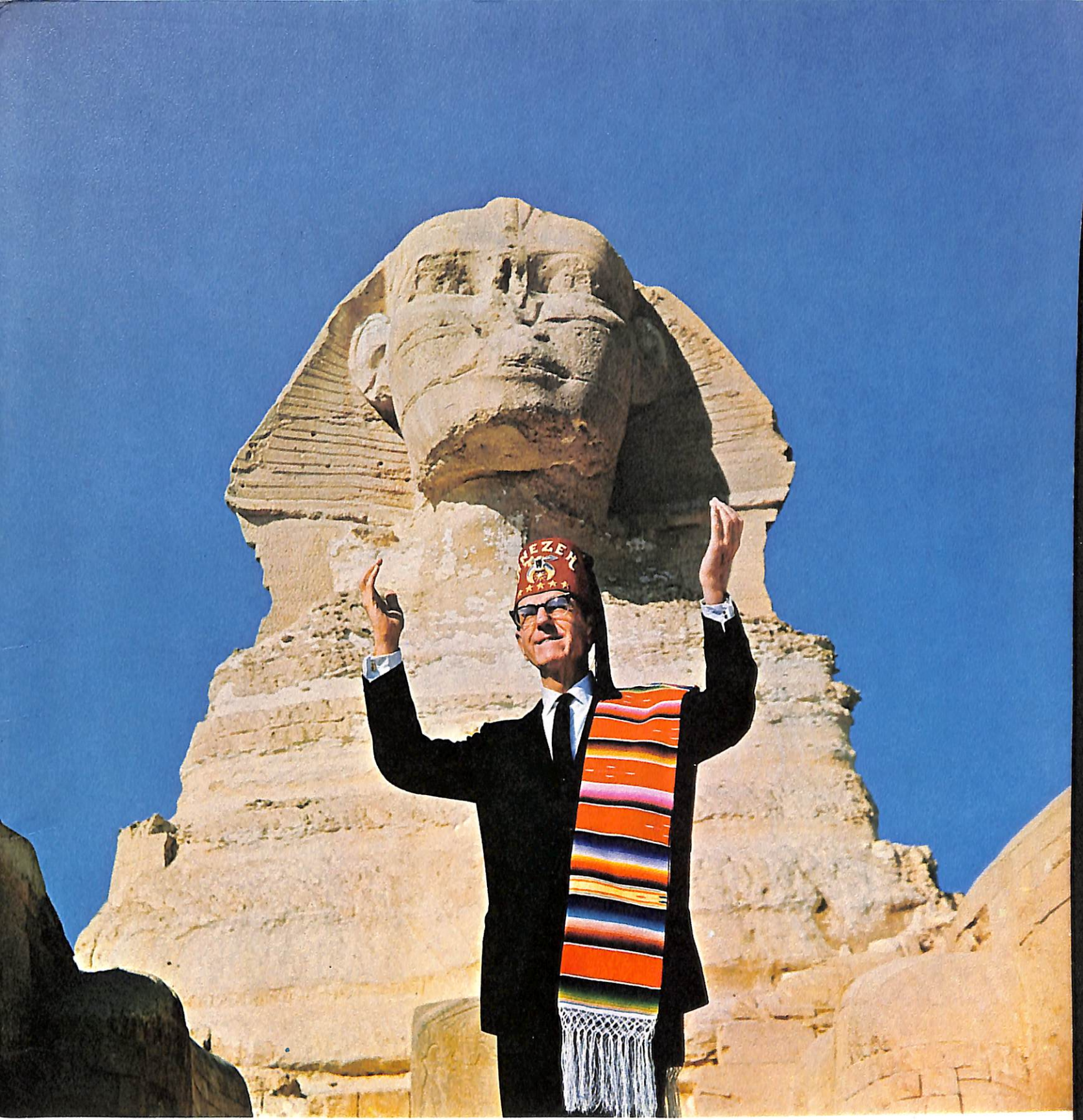

ANCIENT ARABIC ORDER OF THE NOBLES OF THE MYSTIC SHRINE FOR NORTH AMERICA

ANNUAL REPORT 1966

Barney W. Collins
Imperial Potentate

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"Peace Be On You"

COVER

Imperial Potentate Barney W. Collins calls the Faithful to refreshment from between the paws of the great Sphinx during Sahara pilgrimage outside Cairo, Egypt.

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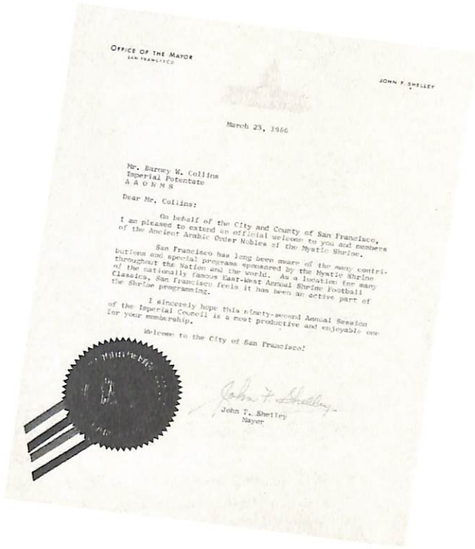
1966 CONVENTION—SAN FRANCISCO

In 1946 when the last great Shrine convention was held in the glamorous city of San Francisco, the *Examiner* could think of no better way to describe the wonderful day parade than to repeat what some reporter had written in 1932:

> By Allah, 'tis a noble sight. Behold ye unbelievers, an enchanted city. Sheiks of the desert smoking two-bit cigars. Minarets and temples alight with magic fire. Baghdad and Cairo. What were they compared with San Francisco in the grip of The Shriners. Revelry, pomp, music and marching patrols. It is all here again. Brighter, louder, filled with more excitement.

The 1966 meeting of The Imperial Council marks the fifth time that San Francisco has been chosen. It is perhaps the most oriental city in The United States.

Every effort has been made by Islam Temple and the people and government of enchanting San Francisco to make this one of the great conventions in Shrine history. I am sure you will enjoy every minute of it.


OFFICE OF THE MAYOR
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JOHN F. SHELLEY
MAYOR

March 29, 1966

Mr. Barney W. Collins
Imperial Potentate
A A O N M S

Dear Mr. Collins:

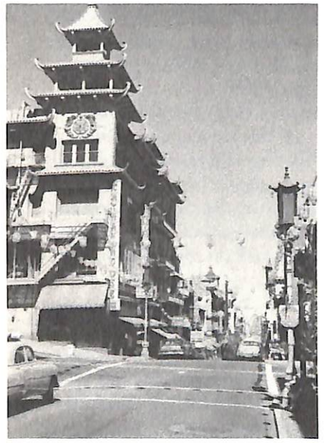
On behalf of the City and County of San Francisco, I am pleased to extend an official welcome to you and members of the Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine.

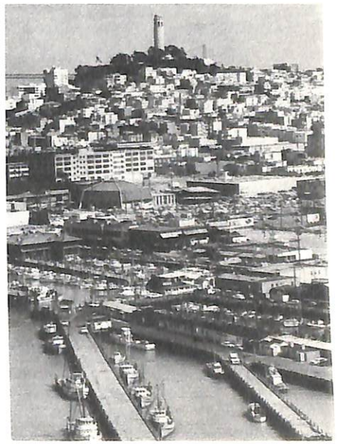
San Francisco has long been aware of the many contributions and special programs sponsored by the Mystic Shrine throughout the Nation and the world. As a location for many of the nationally famous East-West Annual Shrine Football Classics, San Francisco feels it has been an active part of the Shrine programming.

I sincerely hope this ninety-second Annual Session of the Imperial Council is a most productive and enjoyable one for your membership.

Welcome to the City of San Francisco!

John F. Shelley
Mayor





Scenes you will enjoy in San Francisco

REPORT OF THE IMPERIAL POTENTATE

TO THE REPRESENTATIVES WHO COMPRISE THE IMPERIAL COUNCIL A.A.O.N.M.S.

When this Imperial Council elected me as its Outer Guard, with the opportunity to rise in the Imperial line to become your Imperial Potentate, I explained that I was a representative from the smallest temple in all Shrinedom, and that no member from Mexico had ever achieved that honor.

We in Anezeh Temple in Mexico City are still small and we are still poor, but no Imperial Potentate has ever had such fervent support from his government as I have had. The pageant in my honor presented in Washington when I was elected Imperial Potentate, was largely the gift of the Mexican Embassy. Dancers and musicians from the Mexican tourist bureau in New York City were brought to Washington and I think most of you enjoyed the entertainment. There also was a group of dancers from the embassy itself.

As I have gone about the nation visiting temples and Shrine Associations, I have worn my Mexican serape, and I have given similar blankets to distinguished citizens it has been my pleasure to meet, including J. Edgar Hoover, the head of the FBI, who was our principal speaker at the Frank Land Memorial breakfast for Grand Masters of Masons.

I made several promises when I accepted the office of Imperial Potentate. Among these promises, I said I would relate the Masonic story of my adopted land of Mexico, and many of the temples I have visited have responded by giving Mexican parties for Doris and myself. And may I say here that Doris has been a wonderful help, travelling with me wherever I went including the pilgrimages to foreign lands. My children, too, have accompanied us on many of the visits.

I promised the representatives in Washington that I would do everything in my power to further the expansion of De Molay, and there are further details on this part of my activities in this report. In addition to this activity on behalf of De Molay, I also have urged that young women join organizations such as Job's Daughters and the Rainbow Girls, and that wives of Shriners participate actively in such organizations as Daughters of The Nile, the White Shrine, The Order of Eastern Star, and the Oriental Shrine.

We have expanded our public relations division in the Chicago office. All of our films are in constant demand by temples and Shrine Clubs, and frequently our hard-working girls are hard-pressed to meet demands from this film library. Hundreds of news releases for national as well as local use have been written and distributed. I have four large books filled with clippings of these news releases, and when the San Francisco convention is over, I expect to have a fifth book of these clippings. I have made scores of appearances on radio and television.

One of the greatest public relations improvements, I think, was a determination that network television time for the Imperial Potentate between halves of the East-West Shrine game should be devoted to some good purpose. With the cooperation of the National Broadcasting Company, a film clip was made by Imperial Sir Harold Lloyd, chairman of the Board of The Shriners Hospitals for Crippled Children and myself.

Imperial Sir and Mrs. Collins

We had a good script, and with the help of Imperial Sir Harold, one of the great actors of history, we told the public about our hospitals, for which the game was being played. That was, I believe, better than mere introduction of distinguished guests.

With the entire Imperial Divan and members of the Board of Trustees, I received the first patient in the new Shrine Burn Institute Building in Galveston, Tex., of which there is a complete story in this report. I also had the privilege of laying the corner stone for the new burn Institute in Cincinnati, and on May 1 the corner stone for the new orthopedic hospital in Honolulu during the annual pilgrimage to Hawaii. I am indeed grateful to Imperial Sir George Mattison for the work he has done as chairman of the building committee. His devotion and dedication to this all-important task has been remarkable.

I have had wonderful support from the members of The Imperial Divan, who have relieved me of many chores in their administration of the geographical areas to which they were assigned.

Further on in this report, you will find statistics and stories revealing the amazing increase in both Shrine creations and total membership but study should be given by all temples to the reports from sister temples which largely have been the basis of the increase. Just under half of the temples showed an actual loss. Paul McCray, the membership chairman, has the details, later in the report.

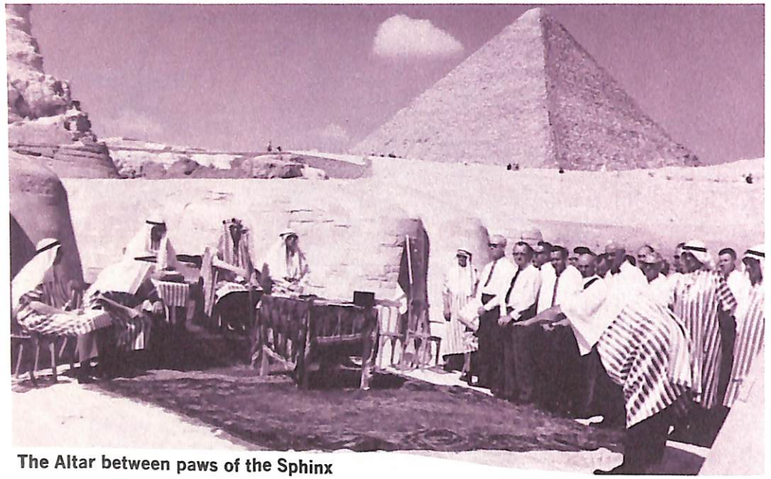
I am indeed grateful to out Imperial Recorder George Saunders, who has thoughtfully guided me in my efforts to be a good representative of this Imperial Council.

It is my sorrow to report to you the death of three Imperial officers within two months. The Black Camel called Imperial First Ceremonial Master Edgar L. Turner of Aleppo Temple on October 15, 1965. He was visiting in San Diego, Cal. On December 4, Deputy Imperial Potentate Charles E. Merrill died while riding on his way to his law office in Detroit, where he was a Past Potentate of Moslem Temple. As a result of his death, Imperial Chief Rabban Orville F. Rush decided to hold the 1967 convention in Washington, beginning July 9. The oldest living Past Imperial Potentate, and the Imperial Treasurer since 1937, Leonard P. Steuart of Almas Temple, Washington, D.C. had been in failing health for some time. To fill the vacancy of Imperial Sir Steuart, I appointed Past Imperial Potentate Harold Close.

It has been an honor and a pleasure for me to serve this Imperial Council, and I expect to heed any call you may make on me in the future.

Barney W. Collins
Imperial Potentate

Pilgrimage To The Sphinx



The Altar between paws of the Sphinx

Shades of Mecca and Medinah. Dreams of the Bektashi, the whirling dervishes, prancing Arabian steeds, a wild charge by 600 Shriners and their ladies atop snorting camels; a belly dancer performing on rich oriental carpets spread on the sands of the Sahara; and a Shrine ceremonial for 38 candidates from Dahrahn, Arabia between the paws of the Sphinx itself.

Walter Fleming and Billy Florence who created the Shrine nearly 100 years ago dreamed of just such a scene; and from this dream they created a ritual which is largely with us today.

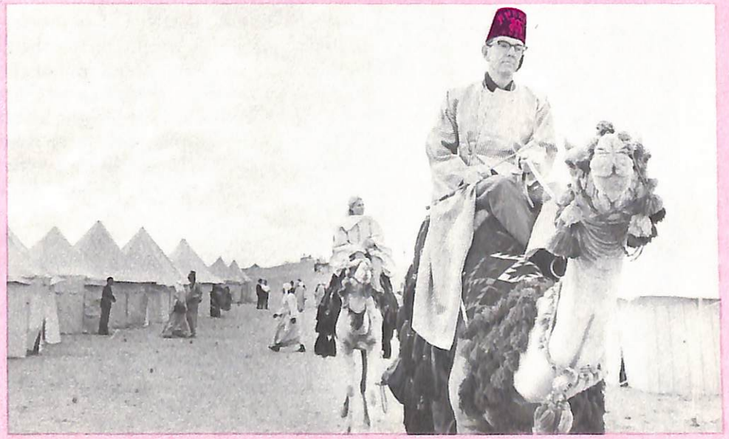
When I was first elected to the Imperial Divan many years ago, I began to think of making a pilgrimage to this land of enchantment along the Nile, and two years before I became your Imperial Potentate I began making plans, hoping many fellow Shriners would join me. I contacted the Egyptian government, and with the help of Abdel Kater Hatem, Vice Premier and Minister of Culture in the Nasser regime in the United Arab Republic, we embarked for the land of the Pharoahs and Cleopatra on planes from Mexico, New York, California and Canada.

We were housed in a magnificent hotel along the banks of the Nile in Cairo, with government guides available with information whenever it was needed.

Then, on October 29, 1965, for the first time in the history of the Shrine, we went to the great Sphinx of Gizeh in the heart of the pyramids and moved through the gates of the wall which surrounds the Sphinx to keep out the crowds of tourists, who are not allowed within the enclosure.

Imperial Sirs Lloyd, Saunders, Collins, Seay and Stringfellow salute the Nobility at the Altar.

Egyptian Oriental band entertains pilgrims on the desert.



Imperial Sir Barney and Mrs. Collins lead camel caravan to tent city on the Sahara.

Pilgrimage (continued)

On the stone courtyard between the paws of the ancient monument, the Egyptians had spread an oriental rug on which sat the altar where the novices would be obligated. A public address system had been erected so Shriners might hear the ceremonies. Vice premier Hatem had erected a huge tent beside the paws of the sphinx where the Shriners could be shielded from the hot rays of the sun.

Illustrious Potentate Fred Anderson of Aahmes Temple in Oakland, Cal., to whom I had granted a dispensation, served as Potentate for the ceremonial, but most of the cast was from various temples of North America, and members of the European Shrine Club who had flown in a chartered plane from Heidelberg.

The novices all were recruited by the Arabian Shrine Club in Dahrahn, where there also are extensive Masonic offices of all degrees.

After the ceremonial, we returned to Cairo for the night, where we were greeted by U.S. Ambassador Battle and his lady.

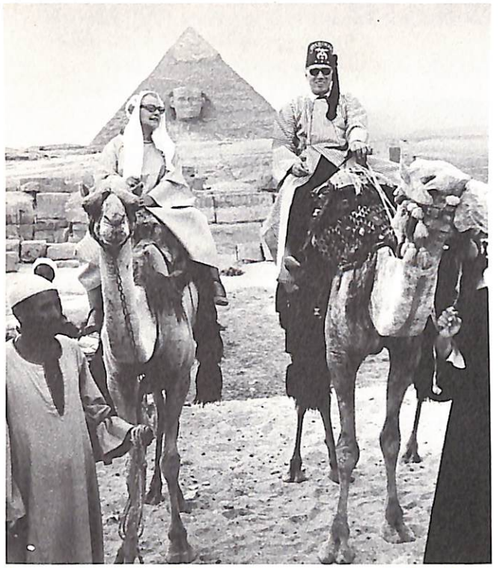
October 30, there was further entertainment provided by the Egyptian government, which had erected 90 tents, with one huge tent for food and entertainment, several miles from the pyramids. The government had gathered up 300 camels, and in two trips everyone who wished rode atop one of the rambling beasts of the desert to the tent city.

In the main tent, which was elaborately decorated with quilted Arabic and Egyptian hieroglyphics and paintings, there was a huge buffet and virtually continuous entertainment on more oriental rugs spread on the sands of the desert. There was one belly dancer, groups of singers and a native oriental band, which sounded for all the world like our own. Arabian horses danced to the music and cameras flashed continuously.

The food was strictly not American. The meats were camel, goat and turkey, the latter perhaps a concession to the guests; but there were stacks of exotic fruits and nuts. About half of the pilgrims elected to remain in the tents for the night, returning to Cairo the next morning, from where special sight-seeing tours might be taken.

But it was ambrosia and nectar for the weary American sons of the desert, who had participated in the first Shrine ceremonial in Africa, Egypt or even on the hot sands of the Sahara. And there was more to come.

After a brief stop in Jordanian Jerusalem, the pilgrims flew on to Heidelberg for another highly successful ceremonial. Credit should be given to Noble Jim McCuller for the fine work he and other Shrine workers are doing in the several Shrine Clubs in Europe. The members and the candidates are mostly American citizens from a myriad of temples, who are temporarily in Europe. They are doing a fine work there for Masonry and the Shrine, which helps build the morale of the troops and civilians away from home.

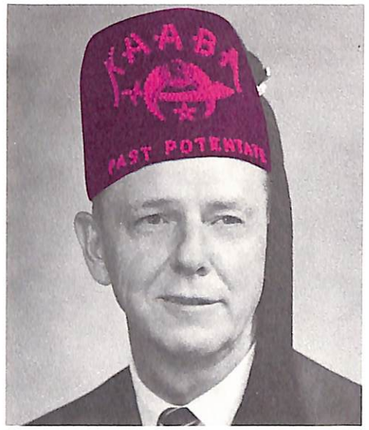


Imperial Assistant Rabban Thomas Seay and Mrs. Seay enjoy the camel ride.

Arabian horse dances to music of oriental band.

Imperial Sirs Collins and Saunders and Mrs. Collins visit with Egyptian girls and parents, former patient in Los Angeles Shriners Hospital. She has returned to home in Cairo.

MEMBERSHIP



Paul B. McCray

IMPERIAL SIR AND IMPERIAL REPRESENTATIVES:

It is with pleasure and pride that I report to The Imperial Council that on the first of this calendar year, the Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine had a total membership of 844,511 Nobles, the largest number in the history of the fraternity.

It is with equal pleasure that I report to you that there were 37,162 creations during that same calendar year, the largest number of any year since 1957.

But I also must point out to you that while those figures are accurate, they do not reflect a new trend in the declining growth rate of the Shrine, which has been discussed in this Imperial Council for the past several years.

I call your attention to a series of charts on membership in this report. You will note, for example, that for the past five years suspensions have hovered between eleven and twelve thousand during this period. As you know, it is Shrine law that when members have failed to pay dues for a period of two years suspension is automatic. However, at the Washington convention in 1965, this Imperial Council added legislation providing that temples might remit the dues and assessments in hardship cases, and when so informed the Imperial Council would absorb its share of the remissions.

Last year there were 4,914 such cases where dues were remitted, which means that instead of the eleven or twelve thousand suspensions of the past five years there may have been 16,070 suspensions instead of the 11,156, which is the actual figure submitted.

Thus, while the official report shows a net gain in membership last year of 7,219, it would have been only 2,305 if all suspensions had been carried through. Most of the remissions have been legitimate I am sure, but there may have been questions in a few cases.

Despite this situation of which I thought you should be aware, we cannot take away from the fact that there were more than 37,000 creations in the last calendar year. This is what Imperial Sir George Stringfellow calls new business. The gains in Temple membership came in 105 temples, while sixty-three showed losses, some of them quite large.

I have tried to analyze why some temples should show increases . . . some of them quite large . . . while others show decreases.

First of all, of course, temple gains and losses almost invariably reveal a pattern with the gain or loss of Blue Lodges in the various jurisdictions. The Shrine cannot gain unless Masonry itself gains, which is the reason why Shriners must help wherever possible.

But these figures also reveal that where there are astute potentates and membership chairmen there have been temple gains, in some cases almost fantastic. Hella Temple, in Dallas, for example showed a net gain of 581 members during the year, but Hella Temple had something going on much of the time which interested new members of the rites to join with us. For example, the temple chartered a huge airplane, and a ceremonial was held high above the earth with the plane cruised over Dallas. A stunt? Sure, but this and other events work.

Kora Temple, in Lewiston, Me., also was active and showed a gain of 171 members, much of it because the Potentate had a bright idea of holding a ceremonial in the desert sands of Maine. No desert in Maine? Of course there is, and it was one of the biggest events in Kora Temple history.

When you representatives return to your temples, and most of you are Potentates and Chief Rabbans, I urge you to put your brainpower to work to come up with something new and different, which will attract weary members of the Rites to out tents for refreshment.

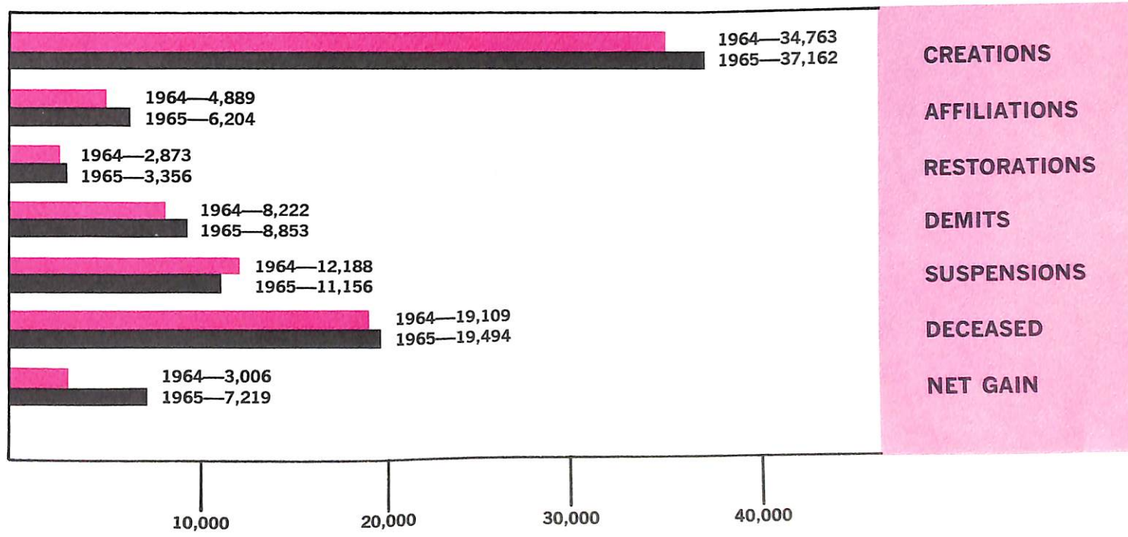
During the year I established the "New Noble News" which carries information on new ideas created by other temples. They might work in your temple too.

Use your Shrine clubs and your units. One temple offered to hold ceremonials in the locale of Shrine clubs when a minimum number of candidates were to be created. We need field representatives who really can tell the story of the Shrine . . . about the hospitals of course . . . but also about the fraternity. Much as we love our hospitals we cannot forget that without the Shrine and the good fellowship and activity it offers to members, there would be no hospitals.

The Chicago office stands ready to help any temple with publicity and other material to help you increase your membership and make yours a more active temple, but without the temples themselves gains will not be shown.

We must understand that the practices that built temples twenty or thirty years ago may not work today. The same fun that Shriners enjoyed twenty or thirty years ago may not be considered fun today.

Paul B. McCray
Membership Chairman



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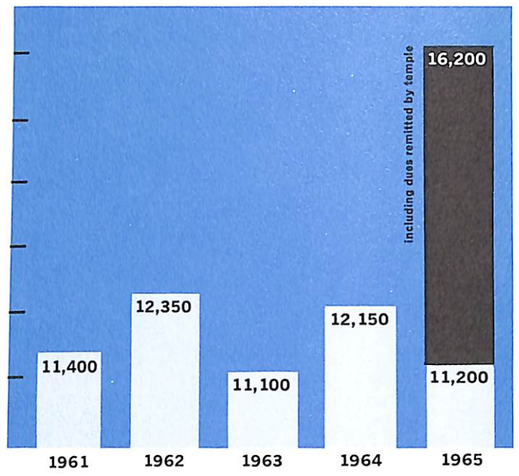

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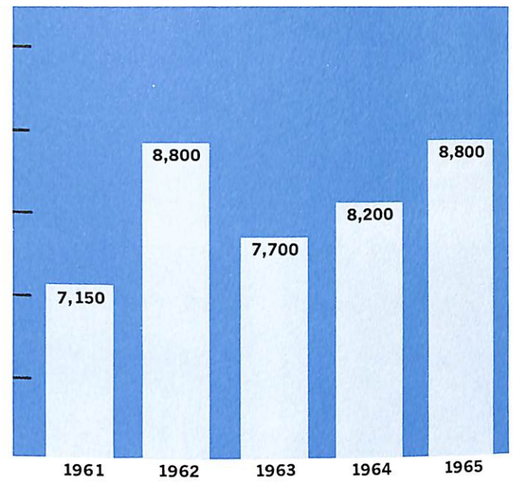

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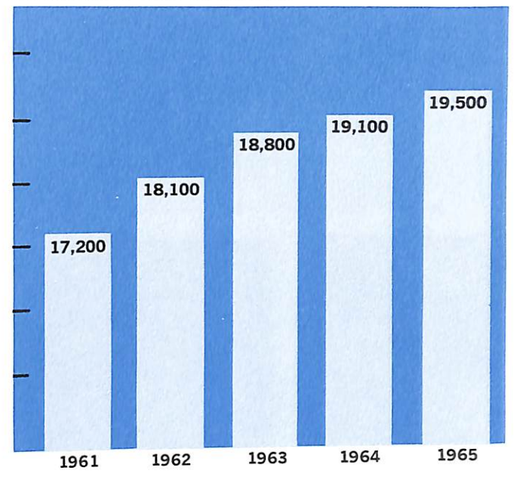

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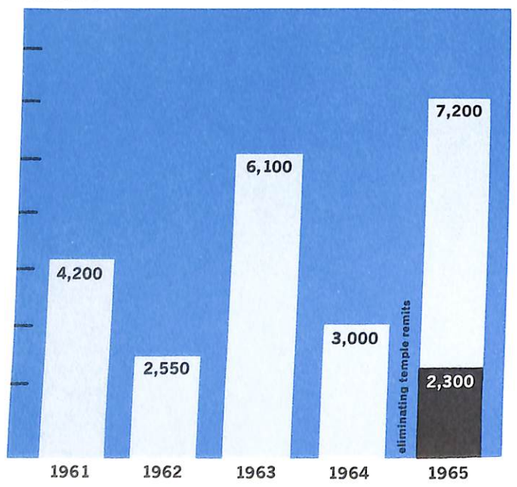

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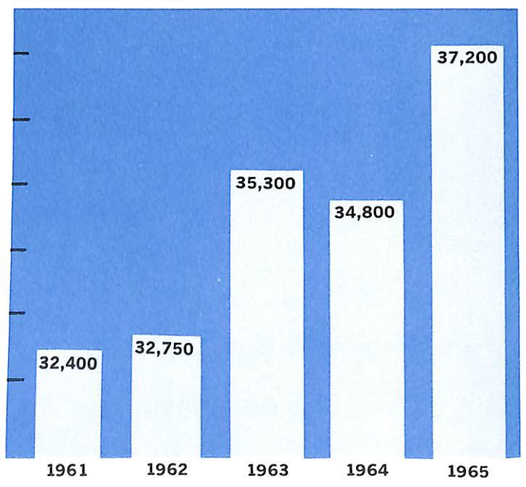

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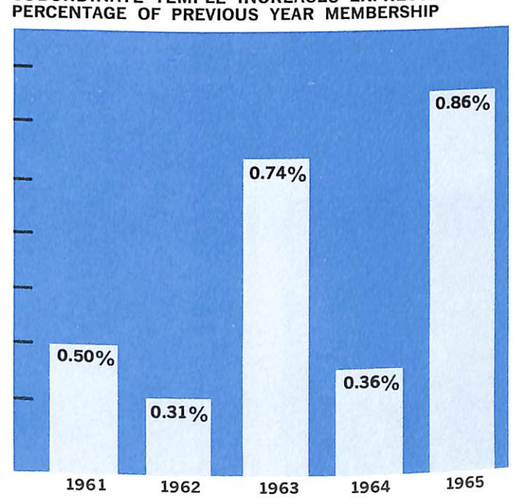

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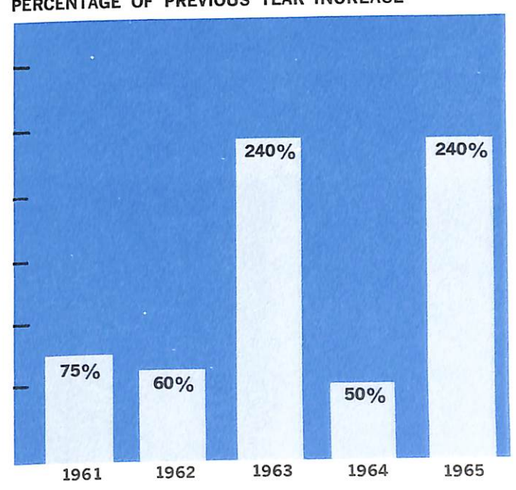

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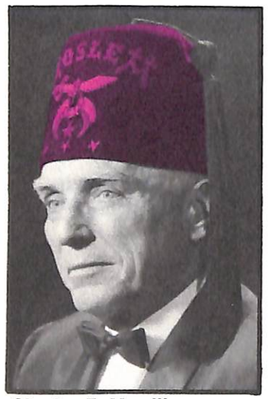

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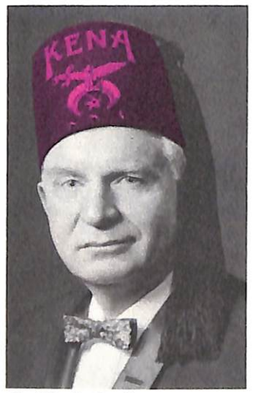

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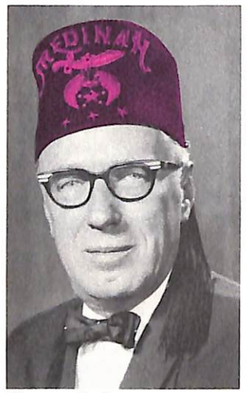

Thomas F. Seay
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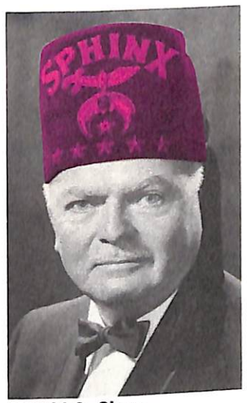
Imperial Oriental Guide



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Imperial Treasurer

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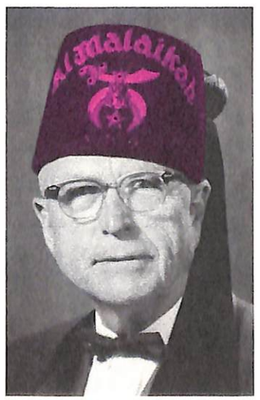

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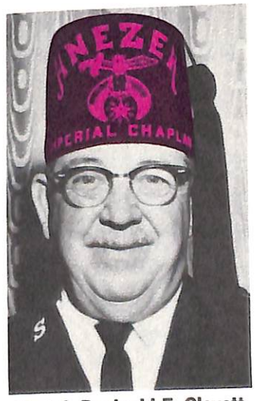
Imperial Outer Guard



Lt. Col. Reginald E. Clevett
Imperial Chaplain

THE IMPERIAL COUNCIL, A.A.O.N.M.S.

COMPARATIVE BALANCE SHEETS

AS OF DECEMBER 31, 1964 AND DECEMBER 31, 1965

	December 31 1965	1964	Increase (Decrease)
CURRENT ASSETS			
Cash (Note 1)	22,362	(60,588)	82,950
U. S. Treasury Bills, at cost	89,263	98,737	(9,474)
Accounts Receivable (Note 2)	939,393	547,705	391,688
Accrued Interest Receivable	6,563	8,565	(2,002)
Prepaid Expense	610	1,517	(907)
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS	1,058,191	595,936	462,255
INVESTMENTS			
U. S. Government Bonds, at cost (market value December 31, 1965 $462,638.75)	518,000	661,000	(143,000)
Property, plant and equipment, at cost, net of depreciation (Note 3)	707,757	723,105	(15,348)
OTHER ASSETS			
Imperial Officers' Jewels	15,525	15,690	(165)
Imperial Potentate's Flags	1,265	815	450
Deposits	9,425	425	9,000
	26,215	16,930	9,285
TOTALS	2,310,163	1,996,971	313,192

LIABILITIES, RESERVES AND SURPLUS

	December 31 1965	1964	Increase (Decrease)
CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Accounts Payable (Note 4)	30,371	8,717	21,654
Due to Shriners Hospitals for Crippled Children (Note 5)	45,283	—	45,283
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES	75,654	8,717	66,937
FUND BALANCE			
Reserve for Sessions Fund (Note 6)	84,451	83,729	722
Surplus—General Fund	2,150,058	1,904,525	245,533
	2,234,509	1,988,254	246,255
TOTALS	2,310,163	1,996,971	313,192

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS DECEMBER 31, 1965

Note 1: Cash is composed of:

Depreciation reserve cash	$ 98,825
General fund cash	(76,463)
Total	$ 22,362

The depreciation reserve is funded (as explained in Note 3 below) by designating a portion of the operating bank account as depreciation reserve cash. Since excess cash is invested in short term securities, and none of these investments are designated as a portion of the depreciation reserve fund, the general fund is presented as overdrawn.

Note 2: Accounts receivable consist primarily of 1965 dues receivable, which were assessed on December 31, 1965, from the various sub-ordinate Temples. Dues were increased from $.60 per capita in 1964 to $1.10 per capita in 1965. This increase in unrestricted dues of $.50 is a 100 percent increase over 1964.

Note 3: Property, plant and equipment, at cost is detailed below:

Building, 323 North Michigan, Chicago, Illinois	$579,733
Furniture, fixtures and office equipment	54,457
	634,190
Less: Accumulated depreciation	131,433
	502,757
Building site	205,000
	$707,757

Note 4: Payments to a non-contributory retirement plan during the current year amounted to $3,065. The retirement plan is currently fully funded in sufficient amount to liquidate and cover all retirement benefits for the length of service as to each employee. Appropriations for this purpose have been approved from time to time by the representatives. There is no current liability for accumulated years of past services credit. The current year expense actually represents 1964 cost as the liability for 1965 cost has not yet been determined.

The board of directors authorized the establishment of a depreciation reserve fund, with additions to be equal to the annual depreciation charge for the National Headquarters building. Expenditures for major repairs to the building are to be made from this fund.

Note 5: The amount due to Shriners Hospitals for Crippled Children is the net of collections of hospital receivables from the sub-ordinate Temples, less amounts due for building rent and building operation charges.

Note 6: Included in the annual dues of $1.10 per capita is $.10 which is designated for the annual session. This portion of the December 31, 1965 dues amounts to $84,451 and has been reserved for the annual session to be held in 1966.

THE IMPERIAL COUNCIL OF THE ANCIENT ARABIC ORDER OF THE NOBLES OF THE MYSTIC SHRINE

CONDENSED INCOME STATEMENT

	1965	1964	1963	1962	1961
RECEIPTS					
Initiation Fees	92,907.50	86,875.00	88,365.00	81, 862.50	81,052.50
Annual Dues	844,511.00	418,646.00	417,143.00	414,080.50	412,802.00
Interest	32,003.19	39,016.59	37,289.73	24,660.24	17,880.90
S.H.C.C.—Rent & Expense	72,392.23	73,853.21	75,070.59	73,845.14	66,773.37
Miscellaneous	11,242.05	3,693.05	18,703.93	761.10	3,581.36
TOTAL RECEIPTS	1,053,055.97	622,083.85	636,572.25	595,209.48	582,090.13
EXPENSES					
Salaries and Contingency Fund, Fees	98,712.93	91,165.96	85,237.01	69,868.77	72,061.00
Central Office Operating Expense	114,989.73	70,997.49	131,269.88	49,466.79	50,764.48
Building Maintenance	57,182.80	61,690.08	62,180.51	57,964.03	65,140.79
Board Meetings	37,880.68	25,548.21	13,938.49	9,424.47	10,341.39
Committee Expense	21,864.46	25,895.75	30,627.46	16,591.23	10,125.52
Public Relations	82,732.14	62,163.88	42,055.67	28,269.90	28,985.79
Publishing "Parade to Glory"	29,027.58	26,597.19	—0—	—0—	—0—
Donation To DeMolay	10,000.00	10,000.00	7,500.00	10,000.00	10,000.00
Shrine Room Renovation	—0—	26,699.74	19,931.11	—0—	—0—
Shrine Room Maintenance	15,220.86	9,257.41	7,100.52	7,591.26	7,395.68
Miscellaneous	9,142.44	5,358.92	1,876.46	2,973.30	1,269.89
Total	476,753.62	415,374.63	401,717.11	252,149.75	256,084.54
	Washington, D.C.	New York	Chicago	Toronto	Miami
Imperial Council Session	330,769.55	348,610.95	206,414.90	234,231.42	309,724.14
TOTAL EXPENSES	807.523.17	763,985.58	608,132.01	486,381.17	565,808.68
Excess of Income or (Expense)	245,532.80	(141,901.73)	28,440.24	108,828.31	16,281.45

THE SHRINE AND DEMOLAY

Imperial Sir Barney Collins gives J. Edgar Hoover a serape at Frank Land Memorial Breakfast

"The young men of De Molay stand forthrightly for honor, for justice and for loyalty to country. They are ideal examples for millions of young Americans who could well emulate their example and become better Americans and make this country a better country."

These are not my words. They were uttered at the Frank Land Memorial Breakfast at The Shoreham Hotel in Washington, Feb. 23, 1965 by Noble J. Edgar Hoover, the Director of the FBI, who more than any other single man has sought diligently to maintain the ideals and the heritage of America.

When I became your Imperial Potentate in Washington, I told this Imperial Council that I would make promotion of De Molay by Shriners everywhere my top project. I have done so, and I am happy to report to you that progress has been made. There is still a long way to go before we reach the De Molay goal of 500,000 active members, but reach it we will with the help of Master Masons of whatever degree.

In the course of my travels during the last year, I have talked with Potentates and other leaders of the Temples. They have promised me they will work not only at the Temple level, but with the Shrine Clubs as well, to recruit manpower to help the boys in the local chapters.

Manpower is our crying need. Every letter I have received from Temples, from Grand Masters and from other Masonic leaders has specified this need for manpower, and The Shrine has this manpower, much of which is being used now, and much of which is NOT being used. Here I should like to assure you, the representatives, that there is no satisfaction to be achieved in Masonry to equal that of having helped the boys of De Molay.

I know that many of your representatives will say something like this: "What is he promoting De Molay for? He should be promoting the Shrine." But I am promoting the Shrine. I am promoting all of Free Masonry. Gentlemen, do you know that half of all De Molays become Masons? Do you know there have been eight De Molays rise to the exalted position of Grand Master? Hundreds are Past Potentates. Imperial Sir George Klepper and myself received our Masonic start in De Molay.

Aside from the fact that De Molay is good for a boy, as a very practical matter, De Molay can be good for Masonry and The Shrine. Consider. There are now 165,000 active members of De Molay in more than 2,500 chapters in twelve countries. If half of these De Molays become Masons as the record shows, then nearly eighty-five thousand of them will sometime don the "Apron of Freedom" that was displayed at our annual convention in Atlantic City in 1959.

But there is more to it than just the practical business of membership. There is also, as all of you well know, the need to preserve the tenets of America, the heritage of freedom and honor that Free Masonry created or helped to create on this continent. And De Molay can do it.

Consider the credo of De Molay . . .

Honor and love of Parents . . . I promise to be a better son.

Love of God, country and fellowmen . . . I promise to serve them as my talents permit.

Honor all women . . . I promise to protect them as I can.

Respect for all people . . . I promise to slander no one.

Aid and uphold the Public Schools . . . I promise full support.

To Walk uprightly before God and Man . . . In honor and respect to myself, I honor and respect all men.

With these tenets, there will be no beatniks, no members of DuBois Clubs, no Communists, no Nazis. The point is that these "far-out" young people have no hesitancy in talking against the traditional things that Masonry represents. What we need now are young men who do not hesitate to kneel in prayer, who are willing to stand up and be counted as true Americans, ready and willing to sacrifice what may be for God, home and country.

I think I have done a good job with De Molay. If this program can be continued by The Shrine the results will be astonishing.

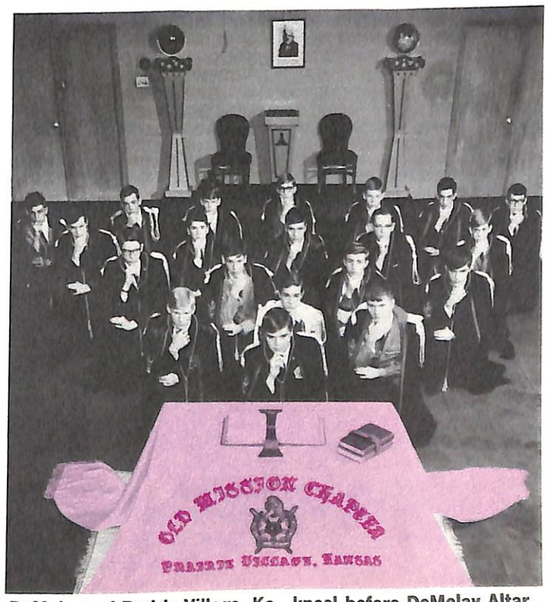
Now, what can Shriners do?

Well, let me give you a few examples:

Almost all temples and clubs with club rooms permit the use of their facilities for functions sponsored by De Molay, Job's Daughters and Rainbow Girls. Some temples annually give big parties for these organizations, including dancing.

Shriners individually can help financially. In some states, De Molay Foundations have been formed for a cooperative effort among all Masonic Bodies to raise funds to help De Molay. Some Temples included a plea for a dollar a member when dues bills were sent out. Some Temples are using De Molay boys to man cloak rooms at ceremonials, and even to help serve banquets, their pay going direct to chapters.

Shrine clubs and temples could purchase two De Molay films—"The De Molay Story" and "The Priceless Years" and show them in Masonic



DeMolays of Prairie Village, Ka., kneel before DeMolay Altar.

Lodges in their area. They can help secure petitions among their own families.

But most of all, we need the active participation of Shriners *W I T H* the boys. One Shriner motor patrol, containing the miniature motorcycles, needed help, and the De Molay boys needed something to do. The boys were invited, and now they help regularly to maintain the machines. Surely, every band man would like a little help in keeping his instrument bright and shiny and surely every De Molay would be happy to look up to a Shriner and say: "Mr. Jones, our De Molay chapter is in trouble. Would you come and advise us?" You don't have to do the physical work, just advise and guide.

I began this rather lengthy report on my activities on behalf of De Molay by quoting the remarks of J. Edgar Hoover about De Molay, but he also said more, and you all have received the text of the minutes of that great meeting, but I would quote a little more here too.

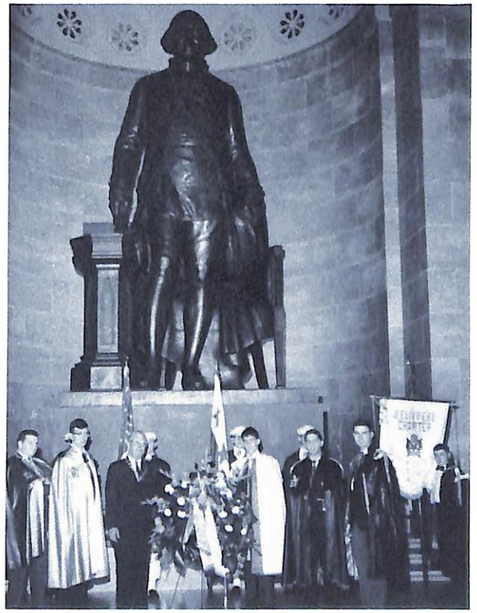
After recording that it was Frank "Dad" Land who escorted him when he was honored with the thirty-third degree, Mr. Hoover, said: "Frank Land's name is etched in the hearts and souls of thousands of fellow men for the great achievements he attained. He was a man who not only had a great dedication of soul but nobility of purpose and that is represented in the Order of which he was the founder and to which he gave his life."

May I say, Frank Land was a great Imperial Potentate and gave us the great 1950 convention in Chicago. He also founded, then fathered and finally nurtured this fine Order of De Molay.

I think every Shriner should emulate Frank Land and give his best to these boys, some of whom, will some day become the leaders of tomorrow. What kind of a leader would you rather have for your children and grand children—the reds, the offbeats, the long-hairs—or De Molays?

Lee Lockwood (left) of Waco, Tex., Grand Master of DeMolay chats at the Frank Land Memorial Breakfast with DeMolay Grand Secretary George M. Saunders, Imperial Potentate Collins and Past DeMolay Grand Master Joseph Lewis of Oklahoma City, Okla.

DeMolay Chaplain gives the benediction as Grand Masters and Almas Chanters bow their heads at the Frank Land Memorial Breakfast.



Past DeMolay Grand Master Joseph Lewis and DeMolay chapter of Baltimore, Md., place wreath at DeMolay's statue of Washington at the George Washington National Masonic Memorial on the great man's birthday observance.

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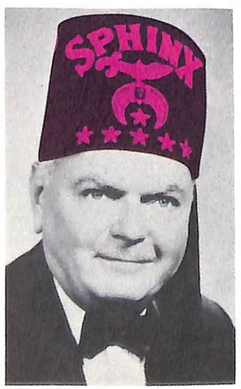

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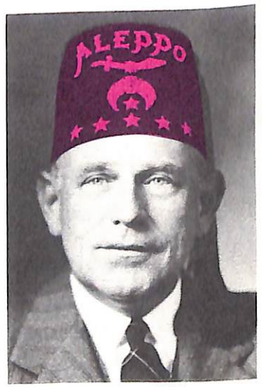

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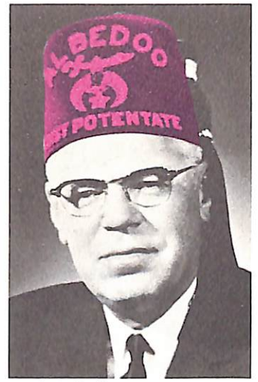

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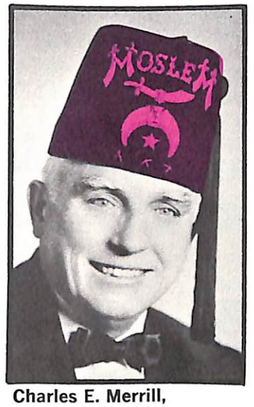

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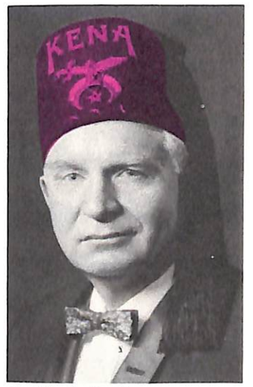

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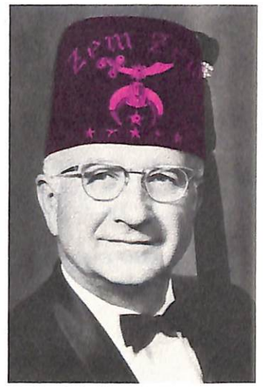

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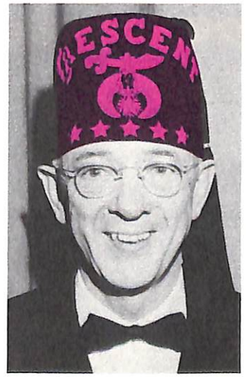

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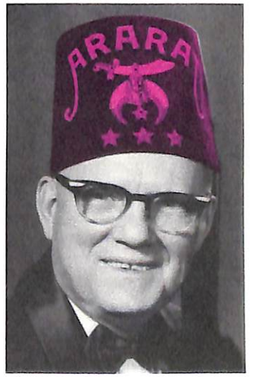

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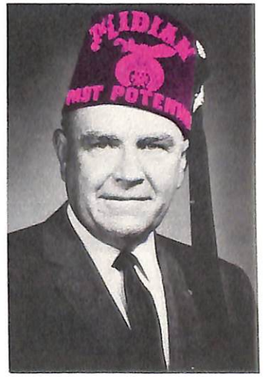


Stanley Garrity,
General Counsel

SHRINERS HOSPITALS FOR CRIPPLED CHILDREN
CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET DECEMBER 31, 1965

	Current Funds				Plant Funds		Endowments and Funds Functioning as Endowments			
ASSETS	Total	General Funds	Operating Reserve Fund	Orthopedic and Burns Units' Operating Funds	Unit Building Funds	Plant Assets (Note 3)	Endowment Funds (Note 4)	Miscellaneous and Special Purpose	Orthopedic and Burns Units' Donation Funds	Retirement Funds (Note 5)
Cash	9,937,150.99	4,680,799.45	5,309.74	837,018.03	748,014.71		2,654,563.32	258,996.45	678,245.67	74,203.62
Temporary Investments	5,761,176.31	3,308,676.31	2,452,500.00							
Accounts Receivable	3,072,105.00	3,041,157.67		30,947.33						
Due from Other Funds	11,193,675.93	393,684.16	10,309,265.96	174,679.25				97,935.71		218,110.85
Advances on Estates	383,304.78	383,304.78								
Prepaid Expense and Other Assets	19,820.54	18,924.54		896.00						
Investments (At Carrying Value) (Note 2)										
Securities*	223,249,263.90*		4,548,398.47*				207,421,932.30*	7,577,137.60*		3,701,795.53*
Mortgages, Real Estate and Misc.	21,913,521.76						18,815,258.61	3,098,263.15		
Plant Real Estate	1,383,853.85					1,383,853.85				
Buildings	21,297,434.22					21,297,434.22				
Equipment	3,985,727.80					3,985,727.80				
Construction in Progress	3,450,931.24					3,450,931.24				
Total Fund Assets	305,647,966.32	11,826,546.91	17,315,474.17	1,043,540.61	748,014.71	30,117,947.11	228,891,754.23	11,032,332.91	678,245.67	3,994,110.00
Less Due From Other Funds	11,193,675.93	393,684.16	10,309,265.96	174,679.25				97,935.71		218,110.85
Total Assets (Inter Fund Receivables Eliminated)	294,454,290.39	11,432,862.75	7,006,208.21	868,861.36	748,014.71	30,117,947.11	228,891,754.23	10,934,397.20	678,245.67	3,775,999.15
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES										
Bank Overdrafts	4,626,570.65		4,626,570.65							
Accounts Payable	86,406.02	50,946.12		35,459.90						
Monies Held for Transfer	581,924.86	581,924.86								
Due to Other Funds	11,193,675.93	11,193,675.93								
Fund Balances	289,159,388 86		12,688,903.52	1,008,080.71	748,014.71	30,117,947.11	228,891,754.23	11,032,332.91	678,245.67	3,994,110.00
Total Liabilities and Fund Balances	305,647,966.32	11,826,546.91	17,315,474.17	1,043,540.61	748,014.71	30,117,947.11	228,891,754.23	11,032,332.91	678,245.67	3,994,110.00
Less Due to Other Funds	11,193,675.93	11,193,675.93								
Total Liabilities and Fund Balances (Inter Fund Payables Eliminated)	294,454,290.39	632,870.98	17,315,474.17	1,043,540.61	748,014.71	30,117,947.11	228,891,754.23	11,032,332.91	678,245.67	3,994,110.00
*Market Values of Securities	285,418,973.00		4,763,842.00				267,561,182.00	9,218,687.00		3,875,262.00

SHRINERS HOSPITALS FOR CRIPPLED CHILDREN
NOTES TO STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES
DECEMBER 31, 1965

Note (1) The General Funds are maintained on the accrual basis of accounting. All other funds are maintained on the cash receipts and disbursements basis of accounting.

Note (2) Assets are recorded at cost, if purchased, or at fair market value at date of receipt by gift or bequest. No valuations are recorded for bequests to the Hospitals that are in process of administration. Income earned on bequests prior to the receipt of the bequest is considered as a part of principal and not as earnings.

Note (3) The organization carries fixed assets at original cost without provision for depreciation. Normal replacements are charged to operations.

Note (4) The Endowment Funds include funds restricted by devisees, donors and Board of Directors.

Note (5) The Retirement Funds are currently fully funded in sufficient amount or amounts to liquidate and cover all retirement benefits for the length of service as to each employee, except as noted below. Appropriations for this purpose have from time to time been approved by the membership. There is no current liability for accumulated years of past service credit, except that the 1965 costs have not yet been determined. The 1965 costs will not be funded until sometime in 1966. The amount funded in 1965 represents the 1964 liability.

BURNS INSTITUTE OPENS

Imperial Sir Barney Collins (left) and Past Imperial Sir Harold Lloyd, chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Shriners Hospitals for Crippled Children, receive keys to the City of Galveston from Noble Edward Schreiber, mayor of Galveston.

His name is Miguel Angel Delgado.

He is a tiny, shy five-year-old Mexican boy from El Paso, Tex., and it was my pleasure to admit him March 20, 1966 to the Galveston Burns Institute, the first patient to enter the magnificent new building built near the campus of the University of Texas Medical Branch.

It was the most emotional moment of my years spent in the Shrine. But it also was the most thrilling, for as my wife, Doris stood by me, and I spoke to the little fellow in Spanish (he speaks no English) his burn-scarred face broke into a smile, even though he did not answer me.

Miguel was burned last September near his home while at play with another little boy. Forty per cent of his body was burned, thirty per cent with third-degree burns. He was treated by doctors in El Paso until December 9, 1965 when he was admitted to John Sealey Hospital in Galveston as a patient of the State of Texas, but most of his time was spent under the Shrine Interim Burns program that has been operated for the past two years until our new building could be opened.

There was a parade of Texas units before the program opened. Harold Lloyd and I were proud to be made honorary citizens of Galveston by Mayor Edward Schreiber, a Noble of El Mina Temple. Imperial Chaplain Lt. Col. Reginald Clevett of the Mexico City Salvation Army delivered the invocation.

There were other addresses by Dr. Truman G. Blocker, Jr., the executive director of the University of Texas Medical Branch, by Past Imperial Potentate Harvey Beffa and by Past Imperial Potentate Lloyd, who also is Chairman of the Shriners Hospitals for Crippled Children Board of Trustees, and of course I had a few remarks.

But the great thrill was to admit the youngster and then make a tour of the magnificent new building that the Shriners have built. I visited with the boy when he was moved from the rolling stretcher to his white and shining dormitory bed.

With Dr. Duane Larsen, I talked with the boy and he showed me how operating procedures, already have made it possible for him to draw lines in a book. The doctor told me that the boy must undergo several more operations before he is released, and that the Shrine will create for him a new left ear.

We were guided through the remainder of the hospital by Robert Innes, our administrator, and by Dr. Larsen and Dr. Goodall, our Shrine Research Director.

We saw the thousands of dollars worth of research equipment, and Dr. Goodall explained more of his work, which hopefully someday will lead to a better treatment for burned children.

It was a proud moment for everyone who participated in it.

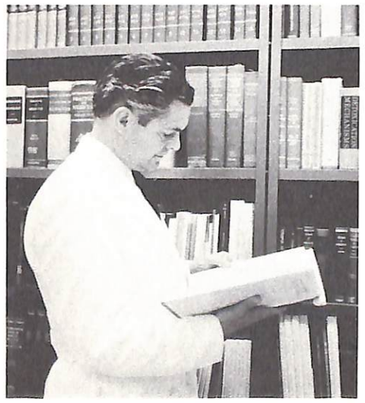
It should make every wearer of the red Fez proud that on July 4, 1962 the Shriners agreed to undertake this great new philanthropy.

With a guard of honor from El Mina Temple of Galveston, Miguel Angel Delgado approaches the first Shriners Burns Institute, to become the first patient in the unique institution.

Imperial Sir Barney and a nurse talk to the Delgado youngster after he is transferred from a rolling stretcher to his hospital bed. He shows the Imperial Sir how surgery already has helped him to draw lines.

At the entrance to the hospital, Imperial Sir Barney and Mrs. Collins greet the first patient in Spanish. He speaks no English.

Personnel: Imperial Sir Barney greets Dr. Truman G. Blocker, Jr., director of the University of Texas Medical Branch.



Dr. McChesney Goodall, Jr., the Shrine director of research at Galveston looks up a point in the extensive library.

Robert Innes, administrator of the new burn center, Horace L. Burgin, executive administrator of three burns institutes, and Dr. Duane Larson, assistant Shrine professor of Surgery at Galveston.

Galveston Burns Institute

HAROLD LLOYD'S REPORT

IMPERIAL SIR AND REPRESENTATIVES TO THE IMPERIAL COUNCIL:

Important history has been made since the last meeting of The Imperial Council in Washington, and it can be anticipated that more will be made before we meet again in Washington next year.

As this is written, my report is not complete, but will be when I appear before you personally in San Francisco.

Elsewhere in this printed report, are details of the great opening ceremonies for the Galveston Burns Institute. I was privileged to appear at those ceremonies, where I reported that because fire in all of its most destructive sense is a frightening thing when one realizes the destruction it can cause to the human body as well as the human mind. It is no wonder then that the Shrine realized this was a tremendous field in which to carry on its philanthropy.

With no change in the established policies of The Shriners Hospitals for Crippled Children, it will be our policy in the burns institutes:

To save lives and restore the bodies of our patient-guests.

To prevent the crippling effects of severe burns.

To undertake research in burn therapy.

To advance medicine's ability to care for these burned children.

And to instruct medical personnel in the care and treatment of these children.

I feel sure the representatives will return to their temples prepared to instruct the local Divans on the proper method of handling requests for the admission of burned children to our three burns institutes.

After the opening at Galveston, Imperial Sir Barney Collins laid the corner stone of the new unit at Cincinnati. Bids have been sought for the construction of the third unit in Boston.

And at this time, we still are continuing the operation of our seventeen original hospitals of mercy.

There have been several changes in medical personnel since last July.

Dr. Harold Sofield, chief surgeon in Chicago has been succeeded by Dr. Edward A. Millar, the assistant surgeon. Dr. Sofield served as chief surgeon for 19 years and three months.

In Philadelphia, Dr. John Royal Moore has been succeeded by Dr. Howard H. Steel, the assistant surgeon on the Philadelphia staff. Dr. Moore served from October 1, 1928 to January 25, 1966.

We have added new personnel to the research, professional and administrative staffs in each of the units. By doing so, we are not only rendering more effective service at the present time but will be better prepared to open and operate the second and third permanent burn units.

As we move into an expanded operational stage for increased patient care, research, and teaching we are experiencing, as are other health facilities in the Nation, keen competition for well-trained and highly specialized personnel.

Therefore, for recruitment purposes and multitude of other reasons, much of the success of our Shriner Burns Institutes program depends on close cooperation with outstanding medical schools in order to achieve more perfectly our goals of patient care, research and teaching. For us, this is a new and sensitive relationship which requires close coordination, strong Shrine leadership, continued willingness to cooperate with the teaching institutions and to help our fellowmen. We will make some mistakes in this new venture, but we will have many more triumphs and continue to add to the overflowing well of gratitude which the American public is expressing to us in the many ways they say "Thank you Mr. Shriner."

HAROLD LLOYD, Chairman
Board of Trustees,
Shriners Hospitals for Crippled Children

SHRINERS HOSPITALS FOR CRIPPLED CHILDREN
CONDENSED STATISTICAL REPORT
From Opening to DECEMBER 31, 1965

HOSPITAL UNIT	SERVICES—HOSPITAL AND CLINIC PATIENTS				HOSPITAL PATIENTS
Orthopedic	All Operations	Casts Applied	Braces Applied	Clinic Visits	Number Patients Discharged
Chicago	14,122	40,901	6,512	97,834	8,845
Greenville	14,738	48,349	10,440	115,933	11,969
Honolulu	7,816	18,030	5,149	149,692	4,920
Intermountain	5,706	14,600	2,863	41,114	4,868
Lexington	6,868	13,067	4,351	40,274	5,093
Los Angeles	3,159	17,448	2,021	26,388	3,619
Mexico City	4,749	6,261	2,191	45,874	3,373
Montreal	11,563	19,925	3,092	33,196	11,204
Philadelphia	20,358	61,921	9,919	103,692	9,134
Portland	14,954	37,143	15,614	99,430	12,485
St. Louis	27,184	77,823	17,035	103,928	17,863
San Francisco	21,785	63,661	14,922	120,873	10,638
Shreveport	15,972	19,131	4,880	52,863	9,207
Spokane	8,885	17,920	3,331	36,021	6,238
Springfield	16,121	48,728	12,515	128,609	11,941
Twin Cities	10,981	21,841	5,845	38,141	8,587
Winnipeg	6,472	10,307	3,305	18,072	5,934
Totals—Opening Date to 12/31/65 Orthopedic Hospitals	211,433	537,056	123,985	1,251,934	145,918

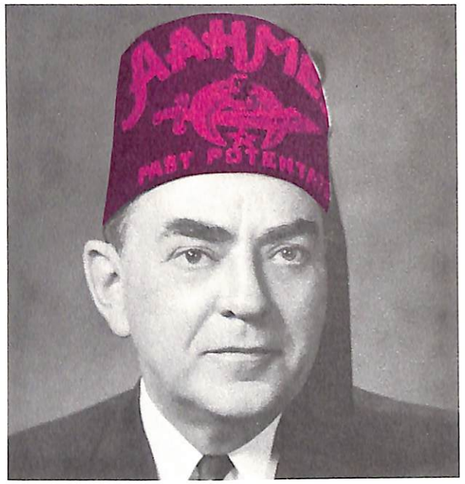
BURNS INSTITUTES	Operative Procedures				Number Patients Discharged
Galveston	457	—	—	—	136
Boston	189	—	—	—	35
Cincinnati	902	—	—	—	107
Totals	1,548				278

Cured . . . or materially benefitted

	1965	1960	Increase (Decrease)
Patients Discharged	5,555	4,677	878
Average Cost Per Patient	$1,477.77	1,230.60	247.17
Average Length of Stay of Patients	68	75	(7)
Operations Performed	5,449	5,991	(542)
Casts Applied	15,244	15,995	(751)
Braces Furnished	4,995	4,490	505
Physiotherapy Treatments	95,586	80,011	15,575
X-Rays Taken	72,167	51,429	20,738
Visits to the Out-Patient Department	54,027	46,523	7,504
Waiting List at End of Year	2,288	2,004	284

PUBLICITY AND PUBLIC RELATIONS

IMPERIAL SIR AND MEMBERS OF THE IMPERIAL COUNCIL:



It is a matter of record and not sheer braggadocio that permits me to report to you a four to ten fold increase in the volume of Shrine publicity during the past year. In fact, it would appear the Shrine is nearing a position where its every word and deed attracts the attention it deserves.

During the past year, I have prepared a number of public relations kits which have been sent to temple publicity chairmen, potentates and recorders. These contained advertisements for temple publications, suggested publicity stories for both the nobility and the public and other ideas designed to stimulate both attendance and new members.

The public relations staff in Chicago has obtained publicity for visits by the Imperial Potentate by the simple process of mailing to every newspaper in each temple jurisdiction stories and pictures regarding that visit. By convention time, five large volumes will have been compiled of newspaper clippings alone.

Imperial Sir Barney Collins achieved nationwide publicity with his announcement that The Shrine planned a youth promotion program as a part of his help for DeMolay. The Imperial Sir and Past Imperial Sir Harold Lloyd did notable service when they appeared between halves of the East-West Shrine game and delineated the great philanthropy the fraternity has operated for more than forty years.

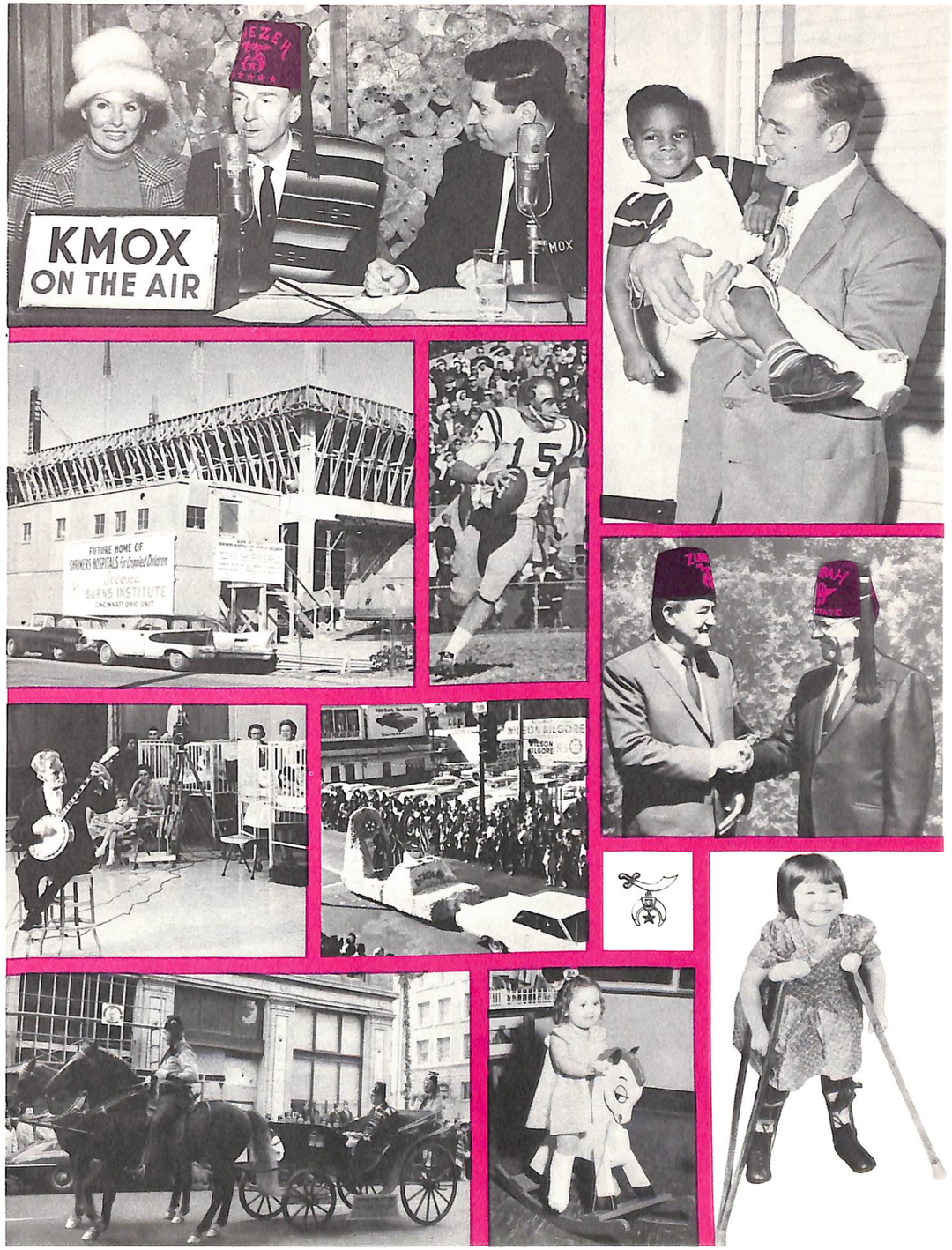
The Saturday Evening Post carried a major article on our new burns institutes, and when the first unit was opened in Galveston, Tex., on May 20, 1966, the Associated Press carried on both its news and picture wires a widely used article and photo of The Imperial Sir and Mrs. Collins greeting our first patient.

CBS television carried parts of the Frank Land Memorial Breakfast from Washington during the Grand Masters conference, and a short piece on the opening of the burns center.

I appreciate your confidence in naming me as chairman of the Publicity Committee. It has been a pleasure to serve the Shrine.

Alfred E. Hopkins
Chairman

PHOTOS MAKE PUBLICITY



MASONIC RELATIONS

Imperial Sir and Representatives:

John McKee
Hella Temple, Dallas
Past Grand Master of Texas

As this was written there are no serious problems existing among any of the Masonic organizations, and I am happy to say the Nobility is giving leadership not only in the Shrine itself but also in the prerequisite bodies, the Blue Lodges, the Grand Lodges and in the De Molay program.

During this past year, the Masonic Relations committee has been extremely active in furnishing the Grand Masters basic information to assist them in understanding the policies of The Imperial Council and The Imperial Potentate which have been designed to strengthen the ties with all of the Grand Lodges.

Equally important, Imperial Sir Barney Collins has held two successful meetings with heads of other Masonic bodies. In November, in Washington, he met with the Grand Commanders of both the northern and southern jurisdictions of The Scottish Rite, representatives of all of the York Rite bodies and representatives of the Grand Master's Conference. All of the problems that were then apparent were discussed and an approach to the solution of them was then projected and carried out.

In March, Imperial Sir Barney met with the Grand Masters of The New England states in Boston where again a better line of communication was established among the Shrine, the prerequisite bodies and The Grand Lodges.

At the start of the past year, Imperial Sir Barney instructed the Masonic Relations Committee to give much thought to:

"1. Bring the Shrine closer to Craft Masonry . . . the working Masons;

"2. Cement the already splendid ties we have in our Masonic heritage;

"3. Insure closer cooperation between the Grand Lodges and the Shrine temples in their jurisdiction;

"4. Create a concrete example on the part of Shrine leaders in their desire to meet Masonry half way in our common fraternal goal."

With these instructions, the Masonic Relations Committee has advocated with the approval of The Imperial Potentate, the importance of:

1. The Nobility attending their Blue Lodges.

2. Having a program at least once a year honoring the elected officers of The Blue Lodges in each temple's jurisdiction.

3. Grand Masters being invited as guests of the various temples to attend Imperial Council sessions.

4. Reporting immediately to the chairman of the Masonic Relations Committee any problem that a temple may have with the prerequisite bodies, the Blue Lodges or The Grand Lodge.

5. At least once every five years choose to the elective Divan of each temple a Junior Warden, a Senior Warden, a Master or a Past Master of a lodge. The purpose is to keep the Nobility informed at all times as to proper Masonic protocol and to provide a line of communication with the lodges.

6. Each Temple naming a Masonic Relations Committee with a working chairman.

7. Each temple familiarizing itself with the laws of the Grand Lodges.

8. Handling as expeditiously as possible any violations of Masonic or Shrine laws and enforcing disciplinary action.

In conclusion, we of the Masonic Relations Committee are proud to report to the convention that the conduct of the Nobility has been extremely favorable.

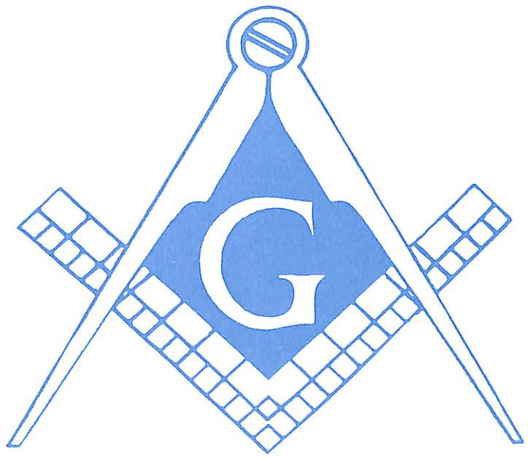
It has been a pleasure to work under the direction of Imperial Sir Barney Collins, and Past Imperial Sir George E. Stringfellow. We will continue to work for the best interests of this great order . . . and stand ready to be of assistance.

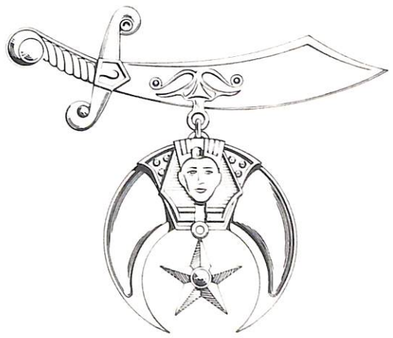
John McKee
Chairman, Masonic Relations Committee
Past Grand Master of Texas
Past Potentate, Hella Temple, Dallas

Luther A. Smith 33°
Sovereign Grand Commander of the Scottish Rite, Southern Jurisdiction

George A. Newbury 33°
Sovereign Grand Commander, Scottish Rite, Northern Jurisdiction

Wilber M. Brucker,
Grand Master of the Grand Encampment, Knights Templar





A SHRINER'S RESPONSIBILITY TO HIS COMMUNITY

Over the years it has become increasingly clear to me that Shriners, both generally and particularly, owe a debt to the community in which each one lives. We recognize the fact that Shriners are and should be leaders in community, civic and political affairs, but I also believe that when Shriners are prominent in such affairs, that they should make it known that they are Shriners.

To the end that Shriners will be better leaders, I have appointed a committee to be known as the civic affairs committee, and I have directed this three-man committee to develop a three-phase program under the heading of CIVIC AFFAIRS.

Because of his great interest and professional knowledge of civic affairs, I have named Noble John McKee of Hella Temple, Dallas, as the chairman of this committee. Working with him, will be Noble Edwin K. Speers of Murat Temple, Indianapolis, a former attorney general in that state; and Noble A. C. Hicks, who is prominent in public and community affairs in Waco, Texas, where he is a member of Karem Temple.

The program I have outlined is:

The committee will write a procedure to be sent to all representatives and in turn to be published in all temple publications urging all Shriners to become active on committees in the communities in which they live, particularly where they discuss and act on subjects of vital concern to their communities, their state and even the nation. They must defend our freedom as individuals and if we fail to do so, then the Free Society is bound to fail. If only fifty per cent of the Nobility becomes active, they can be the voice to change the course of government and it will become a government run by the people.

The committee will develop the importance of the Nobility becoming active in a political party.

The committee will develop material to be used in special courses to be given one night each week for four weeks where a Noble and his lady may study under recognized men from the political parties.

The reaction so far after the announcement of this program has been gratifying and I know that this program will succeed and our obligation as Shriners will be fulfilled.

Barney W. Collins

Lic. Agustin Salvat
JEFE DEL DEPARTAMENTO DE TURISMO
México, D. F.

March 16, 1966

Mr. Barney W. Collins
Imperial Potentate
Ancient Arabic Order of the
Nobles of the Mystic Shrine
Paseo de la Reforma 27 - 215
México, D. F.

Dear Mr. Collins:

As your administration of The Shrine of North America comes to a close, I want to express my sincere congratulations and commend you on the sterling qualities of your leadership. It stands out and typifies the best among men of good will in both the United States of America and the United States of Mexico.

During the past year, wherever you have gone in your native land you have carried the story of your adopted country. In this way you have done much to draw the two closer in their common bond of friendship and understanding. The personal touch of your affection and enthusiasm for Mexico has contributed immeasurably to awakening interest in our nation, its people, and its customs, and has sown the seeds of good will for the benefit of all.

The beautiful new Hospital for Crippled Children in Mexico City, an example of the humanitarian aims of The Shrine, has merited the deep gratitude of the Mexican people.

Needless to say, we hope that in the future many members of your fraternal organization in the United States will visit our country, where they will always be warmly welcomed.

Please accept our recognition and appreciation for the fine leadership you have given to The Shrine and, very especially, for your contribution to the friendship of our two great countries.

Cordially yours,

Lic. Agustin Salvat
Head of the Mexican Government Tourist Department

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Mexican Fiesta

Adios Amigos!

Barney Collins